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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
Kunimasa SHIMIZU, et al.
Appln. No.: 10/092,253
Confirmation No.: 9282
Filed: March 7, 2002
For: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR READING MEDICAL IMAGE

Docket No: Q66589
Group Art Unit: 2878
Examiner: Russell S. Glass

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, dated May 4, 2006, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-12, 17-19, 33, 53 and 54 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Applicants note that this response is timely filed since the due date of June 4, 2006, for responding to the present Office Action fell on a weekend.

Respectfully submitted,

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